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Joseph Dulin lived until the age of 79 when he was taken to be with our Father due to a heart attack. He lived a very meaningful life.

Joseph Dulin was the very first African-American principal of a Catholic High School at Martin de Porres in Detroit, Michigan. He became the principal there in 1967. After that he became the first principal at Ann Arbor's Roberto Clemente Student Development Center. He was there from 1974 until he retired in 2009.

Dulin loved being a principal and being there for the students in every way possible. He did everything he could for every single one of his students. He went as far as going to students' homes when they did not show up for school. He also had report cards hand delivered.

One of the biggest things that Dulin will be always remembered for is creating National African American Parent Involvement Day, N.A.A.P.I.D., which was started back in 1995. It was created as a way to encourage African-American parents to become more involved with the education of their children. N.A.A.P.I.D. is every year on the second Monday in February.

Dulin believed in making sure his students received a quality education. He would go above and beyond. Not only did he get to know his students but also their parents and siblings. Most of the students went as far as calling him "Daddy Dulin" because he would



**TABITHA LUDWIG**  
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be a father figure to his students. He even went as far as giving his phone number to his students and told them to call him day or night if they ever needed help. The students did use it when they needed to get out of a bad situation, and there were several times when Joseph Dulin left his home in the middle of the night to help out whatever student called. He was always there for them! And at times he would even bring the students back to his house to allow them to stay the night until things were safe for them again at their home.

After his retirement in 2009, Joseph and his wife Yvonne Dulin started a scholarship in honor of all Dulin's achievements during his career as a principal for over 50 years. The scholarship helps out

two separate students every single year. It is for \$250 for each of the students who receive the scholarship. There are a few requirements that the students have to meet in order to apply for the Joseph and Yvonne Dulin scholarship. They need to have at least a minimum 2.5 grade point average, must be a resident of Washtenaw County and a graduating student from any of the Ann Arbor or Ypsilanti public schools. Another requirement is having performed some kind of volunteer service/commitment in an educational program. The scholarship prioritizes disadvantaged students.

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Joseph Dulin was an amazing man who will be greatly missed by thousands of people. Please make sure to watch the movie about his life, "Bridging the Gap." REST IN PEACE JOSEPH DULIN 8/10/1935 TO 10/23/2014

**Joe Dulin is celebrated locally on August 27. He was a repected educator and leader in Southeast Michigan.**



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## Grill day

I love Grill Day. I mean freaking love it. It happens every other week during the summer (from when it's not freezing to when the snow falls) at Wheeler Park. It's put on by Washtenaw Camp Outreach (of which I am a proud member) which provides services to the homeless people in our community. Our mission is important because we bring something to the homeless community that professionals cannot — emotional bonding.

The secret to ending homelessness, in my opinion, is in the bond, not the house. Once you have that connection, that deep understanding that someone truly has your back and your feelings are strong enough for that person that you know you have theirs, you belong to someone and they belong to you. Now you have family. Now you're just missing a house. Once you have it, WCO still wants you to come back to Grill Day because you belong.

As I frequently point out on Maslow's hierarchy of needs, there are five levels of need each human has and strives to meet. They are life support, safety and shelter, love and intimacy, self esteem, and self actualization. The first three are called "deficiency needs," meaning if they are not met, a person will deteriorate and die. As a former homeless person, I have been in life threatening weather where I had no escape. It was a membership at Planet Fitness (where I cured myself of hypothermia) and the homeless community that saved me. One time I was too drunk to



JIM CLARK  
Vendor manager

stand during a below freezing night. A friend slept next to me in a tent to keep me warm. Another occasion, I was keeping a friend with a mental illness from freezing to death while keeping myself alive, too. After a few hours of problem solving in the cold, we managed to get a motel room for the night.

That night I realized a cold truth — I was alone, except for the new friends I was making on the streets and in the shelter. I had alienated my family and friends due to my alcoholism. It was devastating. As soon as I learned of Mercy House, I began making regular appearances and deliberate friendships because of the third tier need — love and belonging. Little did I realize how important a role this would play in my mental health later on.

I am a recovering alcoholic, bipolar type 2 and have a basket of personality disorders. Some of them are tied to my hypomanic swing where I become pathologically disgruntled and anti-social. During my road back to recovery in August of 2019, I began wrestling with these disorders. I found

that almost all the disorders are due to brain chemistry. The cognitive distortions are indirectly related. A personality disorder usually is a reaction to trauma and is an expression of pain. All of them have some kind of payoff; mine was an addiction to stress. There is no better way to get a dose of stress hormones than cutting yourself off from your friends.

During the summer of 2021, my partner and I became the honorary caterers for Grill Day. Even though I was morbidly depressed, even though I passed on almost all other social events due to that depression, I went to Grill Day.

Two things happen to me at Grill Day. First, my need for love and belonging is met. Second, my brain chemistry does well in the controlled chaos of lively family gatherings.

Grill Day is always a circus. But more so, it's a family reunion. Having this need met, Grill Day allows me to practice the things I excel at and to have a position in the community that is important, helpful and that comes naturally. My niche. I love cooking, I love schmoozing, I love the focus that setting up and tearing down takes, I love leadership and love the fact that it is called for. Love, love, love, love, love.

This past month has been difficult for me. Even though the worst of the depression is over, I still have moments of pain. As I described above, the pain leads me to create more — by cutting myself off from my friends. I've

destroyed Zion more than the machines ever will ("Matrix" reference. Watch it if you haven't). I unfriended everyone but the dead on facebook, took myself off message apps and deleted them, started snubbing people who are very important to me and stopped going to group meetings and social events again.

But not Grill Day.

My disease wanted me to skip that too. "Emotional cutting" is how I refer to this behavior of sabotaging myself. I don't feel connection or love due to my disease. I start severing connections. Sunday, July 24, I decided not to go to Grill Day. For about four hours. When I finally realized what I was doing I called my friend and begged her to keep me from hurting myself by skipping Grill Day.

I was sobbing. It is so hard for me to keep friends. Personality disorders do that, they keep you isolated. Cutting off these new friends was a new kind of pain. It hurt worse. I think it hurt so much that when I wanted to ditch Grill Day, I snapped out of it.

It seems like Grill Day saved my life, but it did not. The WCO family did. What they provide is more than a band-aid, more than food and shelter, they provide emotional nourishment. I have been comforted this past year by housed and unhoused friends alike. WCO is a model for how we should be treating each other.

There is a Buddhist saying to bring

see GRILL page 11 ➡

## Soccer is more than a game

YENER GARCIA-MORALES  
Wolverine pathways contributor

A soccer team is like a family where you learn to depend on each other. It's a fun sport that I have been playing since I was a kid. In order for a community like this to work you have to be organized — during a game you can't have your teammates all over the place. One game day my mom couldn't pick me up after an away game had finished. Everybody tried to help me figure out who could give me a ride and the coach even offered to stay late to wait for my mom to come. It showed me that I can rely on my team and even if they were childish some of the time, at the end of the day they tried to help.

The soccer team is a community meant for kids to play soccer and have fun. It helped me and others by providing lessons to learn more skills to play

the sport, helping with patience, social skills, and providing a community to be part of for other support. Sometimes people joined to get distracted from issues at home, some joined to have fun, others joined because they stayed after school late with nothing to do. I joined to get distracted from issues at home. I wanted to have fun and feel like a kid.

My role was right midfielder, where I had to run all over the field helping strikers and defenders. I assisted with goals and was like a first line of defense to the opponents. If they get through us then defenders are the last ones who can stop them. If I'm not there then who would assist the defenders and the strikers? The field would be disorganized as they would have no one to pass the ball to, so that the ball can be moved around the field.

Outside of the sport itself, I reinforce

the group by providing support and encouragement. When people don't feel confident in themselves or when they have a hard time, I as a teammate have to help them get through it. I and everyone on the team provide insights on what to do to better ourselves and share our opinions on what we feel about the team. I help set the cones for the drills and prepare each activity so that we can play.

I value that I can help everybody on and off the field. Being on the team has helped me get more active in other sports and take on other roles in different communities. You learn social skills by connecting with each other. You can't win a game without each other's support, emotionally and physically. Each day you get better at socializing because you get connected more and more with each other. You can't fool around during games or when you

teach and practice drills.

It's just like any other community in life — you can't do it on your own even if you don't like people or don't trust them. When I'm at work for whatever job I have for the day, whether it's cement, painting, landscaping or construction labor, I need to rely on others and communicate to get the job done quickly and efficiently.

This experience is important because it creates long-lasting memories and helps improve skills. I never knew that a sport would take so many skills that don't have to do with your feet. I never was open with anybody or felt that I was important to something, but the team helped me socially. In career paths you need to rely on and help others whether it's in college, jobs, schools, clubs, at home or the military. I will use these skills to help others on emotional and physical levels.

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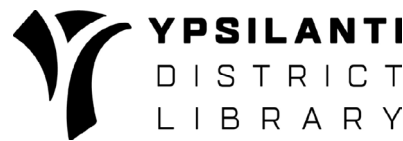
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# Understanding Black culture: appropriation vs. appreciation

Community is special. It's such a vast word, but it allows a person to find a sense of belonging in a society even more vast. My community resides in America, but not just America. My community has its own culture – its own fashions, dances, foods, traditions, language and styles.

My community is that of the African-Americans. Being Black in America comes with merits, but usually disadvantages. The perks of being Black are the stories in the community that come with learning to appreciate being Black.

The media presents Black people as wild, vicious groups – uneducated and unmotivated.

However, this is very untrue. African-Americans have succeeded in the medical field, science, the entertainment industry and much more. Defying the stereotypes with Black success makes Black the thing to be, and not only that, but the community celebrates that success with phrases like “black empowerment,” “black girl magic,” “black success” and “black power.”

The Black Power movement began in the 1960s and became a way to introduce the idea of Black interdependence, and Black success, apart from racial complications that came with it. Black Wall Street was one such success. In 1921, that prospering Black community, Greenwood, was viciously attacked by a mob of white people and destroyed. It was a peaceful community full of Black citizens thriving with their families, friends and coworkers. Something so harmless and amazing was taken, out of spite and hate. Nonetheless, Black Wall Street will forever be a staple moment in our Black history.

In addition to our stories of success, we created a new culture, and began spreading trends the world came to appreciate. After emancipation in 1865, the newly freed Black people were forced to develop a new culture, as their native ties were lost when slaves were kidnapped in 1619. African-Americans created protective styles for their hair, such as braids, locs, twists and cornrows. Styling the baby hairs on the hairline called “edges” was also popularized by Black women, as their baby hairs not being laid were deemed as “messy,” “unkempt,” “unprofessional” and “ghetto.”

The styles were popular and admired not just by African-Americans, which is where cultural appropriation comes in. The styles created to “tame” Black



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natural hair that were once mocked and frowned upon were then used by the same white people and non-Black people that criticized it. Protective styles were made for the Black people, by the Black people to protect Black hair. The styles we created and cherished are being used, and some go as far as to say protective styles belong to the Dutch or Vikings, as a way to discredit their Black origins. Protective styles on non-Black hair can be damaging – it causes strain, balding, hair-loss and more.

Also, some African-Americans find it offensive, when non-African-Americans partake in an important part of our culture and history for the trend or cosmetic aspects. White Americans and Brits are using protective styles more and more by the day. As Black people continue to advance the styles and make them more creative and cute, more non-Blacks feel the need to do that too.

Black people also advanced the music industry. We created and popularized rap, rhythm & blues, jazz and more. Rap has become mainstream and is appreciated worldwide. There are white rappers like Eminem, Jack Harlow and Mac Miller, and rap is also being used in the Asian pop music industry. This is an example of cultural appreciation, unlike the use of protective hairstyles. Understanding and appreciating the music African-Americans create, and using it to spread peace and culture, is appreciation.

Black culture abounds in food and tradition! Popular delicacies associated with soul food are chicken, macaroni and cheese, peas, cornbread and more. We barbecue and share soul food on all sorts of occasions like birthdays, weddings, and national holidays. We also share this food on our holiday, Juneteenth! Juneteenth is on June 19th, celebrating the end of slavery. The events held, such as cook-outs, are usually family and friend functions, but a lot of non-Black people participate too. This is another example of cultural appreciation; participating in these events is a way to learn about

and understand Black culture and family dynamics, as well as the food we eat.

Black language / dialect is also part of our culture. The way we talk was considered “slang,” “ghetto,” and “uneducated.” It's known as African-American Vernacular English (or AAVE for short) – the words and phrases we use, and the way we say them. These words may be referred to as broken English. When slaves were first brought to America, they had little-to-no understanding of English, so they had to learn it from the slave masters themselves. They then taught it to their children, and that mixed with southern dialect and popular Black phrases became AAVE.

Some examples of this are very popular words in today's pop culture like salty (or bitter/upset), lit (or cool), bae (short for baby), and woke (short for awake). A lot of youth use these words in their daily life. This is an example of cultural appreciation, because they use and attempt to understand our language. However, when they say it is “American slang,” “teen talk,” or “Gen-Z talk,” it is cultural appropriation. They are discrediting African-American people, which is especially offensive when the language they once criticized, they now love.

Mocking the way we talk, and misusing these phrases are cultural appropriation. In addition to that is the use of the N-word, a derogatory term used to degrade African-Americans that has now been reclaimed and used within the community to refer to one another in a friendly way. Too many non-Blacks use the phrase and it is



**Paris is pictured left with her hair in protective style. Pictured above is an example of cultural appropriation of this same style.**

offensive. It is impossible to not be derogatory when non-Blacks use that word. It is highly offensive, and using it will never be cultural appreciation.

When understanding Black culture, it is important to have an understanding of the struggle that came with it, and having respect for African-Americans. Appreciate culture by partaking in it and respecting it, rather than reclaiming it and mocking it – disrespecting the people who created the culture, just to indulge in it for the novelty. Being Black in America comes with disadvantages, but learning to live with it and love and appreciate the skin we're born in is a part of every African-American story. I love African-American culture, and I love being Black!



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# My hood: neighborhood profile

In this world, every person has a neighborhood they belong to. People view the neighborhood they belong to as superior to others. Coming from a person who has lived in the Brightmoor area of Detroit all my life, I would describe it as a place where folks look out for each other. People greet you every time they see you. Many different people in my neighborhood have watched me and my sister grow up and continue to grow. I developed many friendships with people within my community.

Brightmoor is a small neighborhood. It is located in northwest Detroit and is generally thought to be bordered by Evergreen Road, Telegraph Road, Puritan Road and Interstate-96. The community has been around since 1922. In the neighborhood, there's a mix of young and older adults. People in my neighborhood come from all different backgrounds. For example, my neighbors down the street are from down south. One of my neighbors has people from Canada.

There are some good and bad parts of my neighborhood, depending on how you view it. Many people view it as a dirty, depopulated and dangerous neighborhood. However, the people who live in the community try to bring back the beauty that was once there by tending gardens, building new houses, cleaning the roads, building

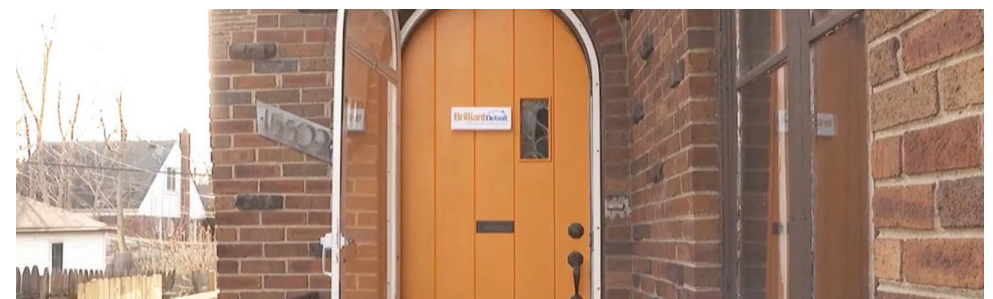


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Wolverine pathways contributor

playgrounds and picking up trash. In my small neighborhood, many people are helpful. For instance, they help keep the grass cut, making our neighborhood look clean with the beautiful flowers present in the front yards.

Living in my neighborhood for so long, I have seen so many people who have moved in and out of Brightmoor. Friendships begin and end. I have many memories with friends on my block. We would play outside till the sun went down and ride our bikes down the street.

I like helping others in my community. If someone needs help with taking something into their house, I will lend a helping hand. My sister and I would walk our dog or go on long runs in the morning to get some fresh air. Many people in my neighborhood own a dog. Lots of my neighbors' dogs will escape every so often. My sister and I would help find their pet.



**Top: Brilliant Detroit is a community center that provides Brightmoor families with programming and support. Bottom left: Brightmoor youth garden. Bottom right: Little free library at outside the Brightmoor youth garden.**

In my neighborhood, there is a community house where many events take place. They have a lot of activities for children and young teens. This house helps bring a little fun to the neighborhood.

There are a few vacant houses in the neighborhood. Building new affordable homes could help bring new people back to the area. And building these homes can limit the number of

homeless people in my area.

Overall, I think my neighborhood is developed enough compared to other neighborhoods. My neighborhood feels like home. It gives me a feeling of security. Brightmoor feels like the whole world, focused in just one city.

I believe that in the future the neighborhood will continue to grow, I hope for many generations to come.

# Emergency — movie with a message

**ZOE MCCRAE**  
Wolverine pathways contributor

Imagine being a college student with a promising future and getting ready to have the night of your life. For the young Black and Brown men Kunle, Sean and Carlos that night will surely be one that they won't forget. The Amazon Prime movie “Emergency” represents a sad narrative about how Black and Brown men are seen by the world.

The young men come across an unconscious young white woman in their living room and are forced to go through many trials and tribulations to get her to safety without drawing suspicion. The movie creates characters with various personalities that are revealed in the decisions that they make throughout their chaotic night.

Although the main characters, as young men of color, have different personalities yet the same common struggles, their chemistry is good and isn't forced. The film also addresses real world problems, especially problems

that Black people go through daily. For example, racial profiling is a huge problem in today's society and the film shows a brief scene of it, which shows how quickly an insult to one's character based on their race can happen. While the movie is mostly about racism, it does give comic relief every now and then to emphasize that the characters are just young men trying to live their lives and have fun. Of course one would expect cursing and drug use in a movie about college-age characters. The obvious lesson that the characters, along with the viewers, could learn is to watch what drugs and alcoholic beverages they are consuming – or just simply not to use them at all.

Another thing I found interesting was that the film addressed how bluntly the N word is used by non-Black people, but this issue was sadly only mentioned briefly and not addressed again. In the Black community it is often debated whether we should use the N word or not, and I personally do not have a strong

opinion on that. But I strongly believe that under no circumstances should a non-Black person use that word.

When I first heard the white character say it, I honestly laughed. I laughed because she had the audacity to say it and was bold enough to ask the Black characters how they felt about it. Needless to say, their reactions gave her the answer she was looking for, which was humorous. The white character was in fact a teacher at the university the characters attended. I really wished that the movie would have included a scene where the students reported her and got her fired, but unfortunately the movie only passed off the incident. That is, unfortunately, what Black people go through on a day-to-day basis, but it would have been nice for that character to get some kind of punishment to emphasize the obvious fact that non-Black people shouldn't say the N word.

This movie did not have glamorous visual effects, most likely based on its low budget and its main focus, but the camera movements did show the pain



and emotion of the characters. I could clearly see the sadness and hurt that the actors portrayed since they are men of color and share the pain of their characters. Overall I'd rate this movie 10/10 based on its main message and the dialogue between characters. I think this film really targets Black and Brown people who have experienced racism and are healing from it.

# My community

The community that I have the strongest ties to is that of the African-American male.

Many African-American men are subjected to this persona of being a strong masculine figure but also having to fight for scraps from a society that doesn't care for not only us, but African-American women as well.

The identity of all men is contingent upon the way that they take care of the things they have and the people they love. This is one of the things often expected of men, regardless of race, class, wealth, etc. As African-American men, we're expected to do this, while also dealing with injustices that stop us from being able to. These injustices include police brutality, racial profiling, and less access to basic decencies such as a good public education, good health care, or even something as basic as a supermarket to get fresh food from.

As a man, being able to protect your family is extremely important. Because of these injustices, it makes it very difficult to be that protector that



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the society we live in calls us to be.

When we're brutalized and mutilated in the streets, that sends a message to those who aren't law enforcement that this is something normal and something that should be treated as a regular occurrence, which is desensitizing. Along with this desensitization, a sense of "ok-ness" with this violence becomes the norm, which emboldens some people to take part in the violence themselves.

When these repercussions surface, it makes it that much harder for us African-American men to protect because now everyone is desensitized

to our situation. This makes our families and our people targeted more because some feel as though they can easily get away with whatever they plan to do.

What also plays a big roles in how difficult it is for black men to live in this society is how we're constantly racially profiled. Whether it's for a police description or if it's in schools, it happens, and it creates a false stereotype that ensnares an entire demographic and creates a persona about them that's extremely generalized and basic. Racial profiling, as stated earlier, isn't solely done by police or law enforcement, though that is the most well-known. There are many other situations and places where this happens. For instance, in schools, it can be seen in the ways that a teacher may treat their African-American student differently, because of the way some other students acted in a previous class. This type of generalization takes away our individual identity as African-American males. And that plays a huge role in being able to provide for

one's family, because not every family is the same or needs the same thing, which means that individuals need to buy the things that are specific to them and their family's needs rather than being part of some cookie-cutter blueprint that society gave them. Lastly, the low access to basic necessities forces not only my community, but everyone that lives with us, to have to venture out to surrounding cities just to buy things like band-aids or cleaning supplies.

All of these factors are extremely oppressive and seemingly insurmountable to overcome as they're rooted systemically in our country's society, and in many societies around the world.

We all long to be able live our lives in a way that doesn't require us to constantly worry about consequences for the color of our skin, because that simply just isn't fair. When that society is present in our country, my community as well as others will be able to thrive.

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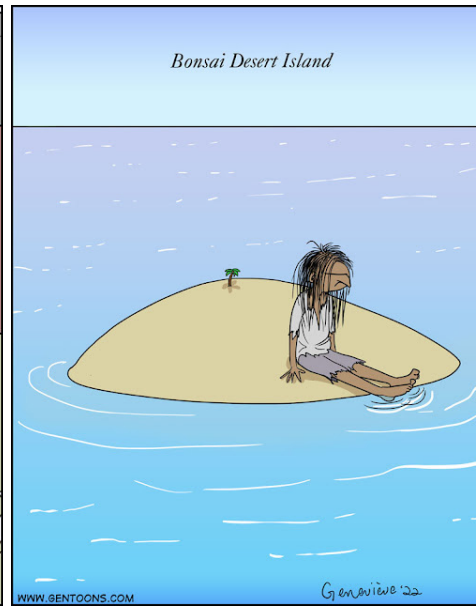
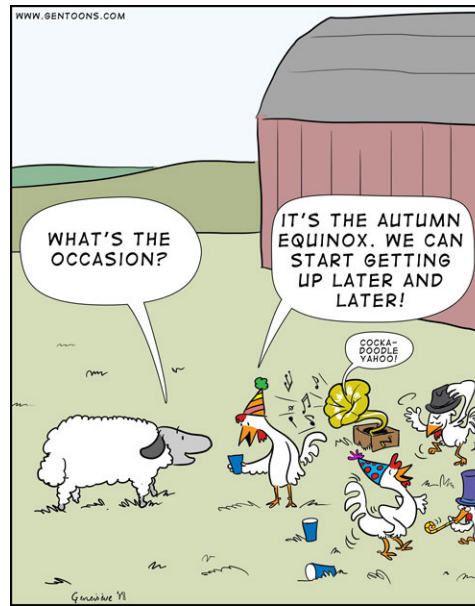
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Hi Groundcover mystery readers. Hope you voted correctly last issue. "The Voice" was LIES. Thank you, Felicia Wilbert, vendor No. 234.

# Celebrating National Hispanic and Latinx American Heritage Month

On September 15, 2021, Chief Financial Officer Robert Velasco of the U.S. Forest Service made the following statements: "The theme for 2021 Hispanic Heritage Month is 'Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope,'" Mr. Velasco continued, "The theme invites us to celebrate Hispanic Heritage and reflect on how great our future can be if we hold onto our resilience and hope."

In 2022, the winning theme for celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month is "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation." The 2022 winning poster and theme was submitted by Ms. Ily Soares. She is a Supervisory Accountant at the Farm Credit Administration.

## Origin and development of National Hispanic American Heritage Month

The Lyndon B. Johnson Administration started the Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968. President Ronald Reagan's Administration expanded the Hispanic Heritage week to a month-long celebration, from September 15 to October 15. Congress voted to approve Public Law 100-402 which was the enabling legislation. President Reagan signed the legislation into law on August 17, 1988.

For many decades, there have been varied debates about representation and inclusivity. Who is included? Who is excluded? Several countries felt excluded. Hispanic Americans from French-Speaking Latin American countries say that they are not included. Some Caribbean, Central American and South American immigrant families felt excluded. Portuguese-speaking Brazilian families who call America their home felt excluded. University scholars and their allies from the younger generations started the more inclusive "Latinx Movement."

It is no accident that the winning theme and poster for the 2022 Hispanic Heritage Month is called, "Unidos: Inclusivity for Stronger Nation." The sponsor of the theme and poster competition is The National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers. In the words of winner Ily Soares:

"Hispanics in the United States are a diverse group who bring a rich combination of language, culture, educational backgrounds and experience to the great American experiment. This diverse background brings with it a wealth of ideas and perspectives. One uniting factor within the Hispanic



community is our desire to be included and represented in all aspects of American society. As has been proven, when different voices are sitting at the metaphorical table and included in key decisions, the entire community benefits from greater solutions that address concerns from all people. Whether it be education, government, business, or the environment, ensuring that all voices are represented provide results in better and more thoughtful decisions. These improved decisions support the greater good and minimize any negative impacts to marginalized communities and people of color. We call on citizens of this nation from all walks of life to look around and welcome new voices to the table. This will help us build stronger communities and in turn, a stronger nation."

## Hispanic heritage celebration in major cities, towns, governments, business, K-12 and colleges

The National Hispanic Heritage Month is truly a national event. The federal government posted this announcement: "The Library of Congress, National Archives and Record Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enhanced our nation and society."

To help celebrate the Hispanic Heritage Month, the U.S. Department of Education unveiled "The White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence and Economic Opportunity for Hispanics." There will be celebrations in federal government facilities in Washington, D.C. and other federal satellite or annex buildings across the nation.

We know that there are large-scale celebrations in America's major

metropolitan cities and counties. In Southeast metros such as Atlanta and Miami-Dade County, there will be huge celebrations. Of course, there will be celebrations in every corner of Florida, including Tampa, Orlando and Fort Lauderdale. In the Southwest, large cities in Texas such as Austin, Houston, Dallas and San Antonio will host huge celebrations. In California, there will be celebrations from cities to small towns. San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and all the Bay Area communities will lead in hosting convivial celebrations. In the Mid-West, Chicago is the center of the region's Hispanic Heritage celebration. In the North-Central, Buffalo, New York has cultivated an impressive city-wide celebration. In the Northeast, there will be noticeable celebration in Boston, New York City, and Newark, New Jersey. In fact, there will be celebration in every nook and corner of New York City and Northern New Jersey. New York Metropolitan Area is the most diverse metro in America, and Hispanic Americans are a big factor for the diversity explosion in the "BIG APPLE."

In Washtenaw County which includes Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, the celebration is somewhat smaller. However, on the University of Michigan's main campus there are major events provided through the office of Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs. The Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives — along with the office of the U-M Vice President for Student Life — promote diversity and multicultural celebrations.

The planned events between September 15 and October 15 are posted on [mesa.umich.edu](https://mesa.umich.edu). For our readers who are interested in events at Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and the Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Willow Run public school systems, we encourage you to visit their websites and type, "National Hispanic Heritage Month 2022 events."

## Conclusion

In the process of researching and composing this 2022 National Hispanic Heritage Month article I talked to several people about about their opinions regarding upcoming national holidays such as The Indigenous People's Day and Christopher Columbus Day. Almost everyone I talked to was supportive of the National Hispanic Heritage month-long celebration. Some of them plan to join the celebration by eating traditional Hispanic



Ms. Ily Soares won the contest for this year's National Hispanic Heritage Month poster (pictured) and theme: "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation."

food or by visiting the library and viewing posters and other art work.

The U.S. Census Bureau reported that there are approximately 62.1 million Hispanic people in America, based on the count received from the 2020 decennial census. Hispanic Americans are now the largest ethnic minority group in America. They are a force to be reckoned with. Their political power can make a difference in who gets elected to political offices, including presidents, Congress, governors, legislators and mayors.

The continued growth of the Hispanic American population is mostly by birth, and less by immigration. When U-M Demographer Dr. William Frey says in the Brookings Institution publication of 2018 that America is witnessing a "diversity explosion" led mostly by Hispanic and Asian Americans, we know it is true, especially if you consider the process of urbanization and the relevant push and pull forces.

An old adage says that "hope springs eternal." In 2021, Hispanic Americans were counting on hope and resilience to lead them to the top of their American dreams. This year, Hispanic Americans are asking for inclusivity in order to help build a stronger nation. The children are the future; children are here to help build and shape the future of our society. There will be no limits to the great possibilities of their future!

# The Homestead

## ALEXANDER VEAL Wolverine pathways contributor

The phrase "seeing through the looking glass" is one that describes my neighborhood, especially depending on the perspective you see The Homestead from. Being a resident, I always see my neighborhood as a place where relatives live, where everyone speaks to each other upon arrival and/or departure from their homes, and where everyone looks out for one another. However, some will say that over the past few generations, the neighborhood has changed a bit.

Nowadays, more shenanigans plague the neighborhood, like party houses and feral cats, which contrast with the sweet and adorable alley-cats running up our porch line every day. Nevertheless, whether or not loud and inconvenient, you may have to reckon with the house a few doors down the block or across the street celebrating family and friends' birthdays in grand, boisterous fashion, or couples fighting about property.

However, good-willed people within the neighborhood don't

consider those things when living here. It's all about family and protecting The Homestead. You would know before your day ends at work if the street lost power, if a neighbor's house got broken into, or even if someone tried to take your parking spot while you were away!

I guess with the doomed social order, actions are more self-centered these days. As my dad says, "Everyone is all about self now." I can't even begin to disagree with that anymore. Especially considering that houses on our block used to get personal apologies from the person that owned the house after numerous complaints and property destruction. But of course, that was almost ten years ago, when times were simpler.

On the street we had views of a neighbor smoking out the window, and of course ... that's not necessarily out of the ordinary these days at all ... especially outside of the neighborhood. Those types of events are so much more common around our city, which is also a reason to maybe do some home improvements around the properties in Detroit, as well.

My aunt, who lives next door to us,

actually takes time out of her day to upkeep her yard – decorating, planting and even going as far as assembling a neighborhood block club! The little things that I see from my end of the looking glass are some of the positives that make The Homestead more beautiful to me, and the inner beauty within this concept is the fact that the outside world only gets a tiny view of the sanctuary within. That right there is inner peace.

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comfort and healing when you are distressed: "Seek refuge in the Buddha, seek refuge in the Dharma, seek refuge in the Sangha," meaning "seek refuge from your higher power, from your truth and seek refuge in your tribe." My tribe gathers at Grill Day. It was there I knew to go when I was hurting the most.

## Affordable Housing is a National Crisis, it is not unique to Ann Arbor!

Rent in AA is just like avocados. If the cost of making avocados goes up, then you pay more for them in the grocery store. Nobody is going to grow and sell avocados (or apartments) to lose money.

### The State of Michigan has a law that prevents Rent Control.

City Council recently passed a new "Early Leasing Signing Ordinance." Tenants used to have approximately six months to seek out a place to live and the new ordinance has reduced that to less than two months. Council needs to learn about a basic economic principle called "Supply and Demand" as they tighten the rental market by limiting access. This limitation has put tremendous upward pressure on rents as all demand is squeezed into less than two months. Guess Who Pays (GWP) in the end, the Tenants.

The City has a new brainchild called "The Right to Renew" but not at fixed rent which would be rent control. Landlords are glad to renew a lease if the terms were followed; it saves them \$. Landlords and Tenants will spend more money on legal fees when a Tenant and Landlord disagree

on "Their Right To Renew." GWP.

The City is about to institute A2Zero to reduce our carbon footprint to zero. A great program, it is needed to help save our planet. About the 55% of the residents of AA are Tenants so Council is placing almost ALL requirements and expenses for A2Zero on just Rental Housing. Why not spread the expenses of A2Zero over ALL areas, ALL residents and structures and get faster results? The answer is Political. Landlords only have a few votes and homeowners have a lot. Guess Who Pays for ALL the A2Zero mandates (new electric furnaces, water heaters, stoves, new windows, etc.) to Rental Housing, that's right, the Tenants.

There are many, many things the City could do to reduce rents. It could start with eliminating sewer and water hook up fees to affordable housing projects or giving a tax rebate tied to rent reduction in affordable housing units, it could have required new Affordable Housing Units as part of the Briarwood Area Rezoning which lined their buddies' pockets via increased density. They could even consult professionals in an area before they mandate changes, not just listen to the most vocal 100 students. Council never sought input from Landlords and Stakeholders

about the Early Lease Signing Ordinance. Perhaps they think they are more knowledgeable than all the Housing Providers in AA regarding rental property issues? They are about to learn another economic principle called, "The Law of Unintended Consequences" when you legislate in a hurry with emotion and no in depth research.

The City has an ordinance that prevents more than six unrelated people from living in a rental housing unit. Why does this even exist, can't adults decide for themselves? It prevents large, more A2Zero-efficient group housing. Removing this limitation will instantly increase housing stock. Who gains if removed: Landlords AND Tenants but it may decrease City income. Politics anyone? GWP.

Call, text, or email City Council members and tell them you support applying A2Zero mandates to ALL AA residents and structures NOT just Rental Properties. Don't forget to Vote, maybe for new people who are less political, who will research and investigate consequences before they legislate and will stop raising our rents.

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# Inside out grilled cheese

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Do you like cheese? Do you want the best textural experience that cheese has to offer? Do you always position yourself at the front of the line at pizza parties so that you can get one of the four deep-dish corners because those slices have the most caramelized cheese? Do you want a grilled cheese sandwich that takes advantage of the chemical and material capabilities of cheese to deliver a food experience unlike any other? Then look no further because this is it. This recipe has been adapted from Chef John Mitzewich's 2012 video "Inside-Out Grilled Cheese Sandwich."

## Ingredients:

Sliced bread (sourdough is great)  
Shredded cheese (Sharp cheddar is great)  
A hearty knob of butter  
A decibel meter

## Directions:

1. Assemble your bread, butter and cheese *mise en place* (slice the bread, portion the butter and shred the cheese).

2. Melt the butter in your pan over medium-low heat, then place your bread in the pan and swirl things around a bit. Let it sizzle in the butter for a few minutes until everything is nice and hot.

3. Sprinkle a healthy portion of your shredded cheese atop one slice of the bread, then place the other piece of bread on top such that the side that was previously frying in butter is now facing upwards. The order of ingredients, top to bottom, should be: hot bread, cheese, hot bread.

4. While the top slice of the now-assembled sandwich is still hot, sprinkle another healthy portion of cheese onto the top of the sandwich and pat it down with your spatula. The order of ingredients, top to bottom, should now be: cheese, hot bread, cheese, hot bread



5. Once the cheese on top of the sandwich has partially melted from the residual heat, flip the entire sandwich over so that the cheese is now frying directly in the pan. The order of ingredients, top to bottom, should now be: hot bread, cheese, hot bread, cheese

6. Sprinkle a final portion of cheese onto the top slice of bread and pat down with the spatula.

7. Allow the bottom layer of cheese to caramelize and fry until it reaches a beautiful golden-brown hue and easily releases from the bottom of the pan. If you have difficulty getting your spatula under the sandwich, the cheese is probably still melty rather than caramelized and you risk ruining the sandwich.

8. Once the bottom layer of cheese releases from the pan, flip the entire sandwich over so that the other side is now frying in cheese. The order of ingredients, top to bottom, should now be: caramelized cheese, hot bread, melty cheese, hot bread, frying cheese.

9. Continue frying the sandwich until the bottom layer is properly caramelized and releases from the pan.

10. Remove the sandwich from the pan and get out your decibel meter. Scrape across the caramelized cheese with a fork and measure the sound output. It should read at least 100 dB (approximately as loud as a chainsaw or helicopter). If it reads less than this, place it back in the pan for additional caramelization.

11. Plate your beautiful creation and slice diagonally into triangles. Serve with your favorite tomato soup recipe or pick up a carton of roasted red pepper and tomato soup at Trader Joe's, if desired.

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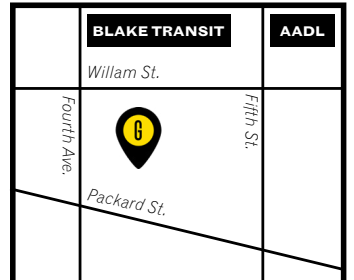
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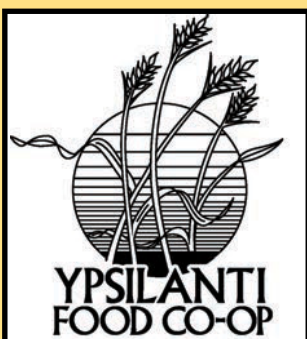
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